

2008-09 HUNTING SEASON DETAILS



SNIPE

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| Open Area: | Statewide |
| Opens: | Sept. 20 |
| Closes: | Nov. 30 |
| Daily Limit: | 8 |
| Possession Limit: | 16 |
| Shooting Hours: | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset |

WOODCOCK

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| Open Area: | Statewide |
| Opens: | Sept. 20 |
| Closes: | Nov. 3 |
| Daily Limit: | 3 |
| Possession Limit: | 6 |
| Shooting Hours: | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset |

CROWS

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| Open Area: | Statewide | |
| Fall Season | Opens: | Aug. 9 |
| | Closes: | Oct. 19 |
| Spring Season | Opens: | Mar. 14 |
| | Closes: | Apr. 26 |
| Daily Limit: | There is no limit on crows. | |
| Possession Limit: | | |
| Shooting Hours: | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | |

In addition to the crow season, crows may be taken when committing or about to commit depredations as specified in Federal law (50CFR21.43).

HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE

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| Open Area: | Statewide |
| Opens: | Sept. 13 |
| Closes: | Jan. 4 |
| Daily Limit: | 3 |
| Possession Limit: | 12 |
| Shooting Hours: | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset |

| RUFFED GROUSE | |
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| Opens: | Sept. 13 |
| Closes: | Jan. 4 |
| Daily Limit: | 3 |
| Possession Limit: | 12 |
| Shooting Hours: | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset |

Open Area – Bottineau, Rolette, Cavalier, Pembina and Walsh counties in North Dakota. Also that portion of the J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge in McHenry County lying south of the Upham-Willow City Road is open to ruffed grouse hunting.

| PHEASANT | | |
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| Open Area: | Regular Season* | Delayed Opener** |
| Opens: | Oct. 11 | Oct. 18 |
| Closes: | Jan. 4 | Jan. 4 |
| Daily Limit: | 3 | |
| Possession Limit: | 12 | |
| Shooting Hours: | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | |

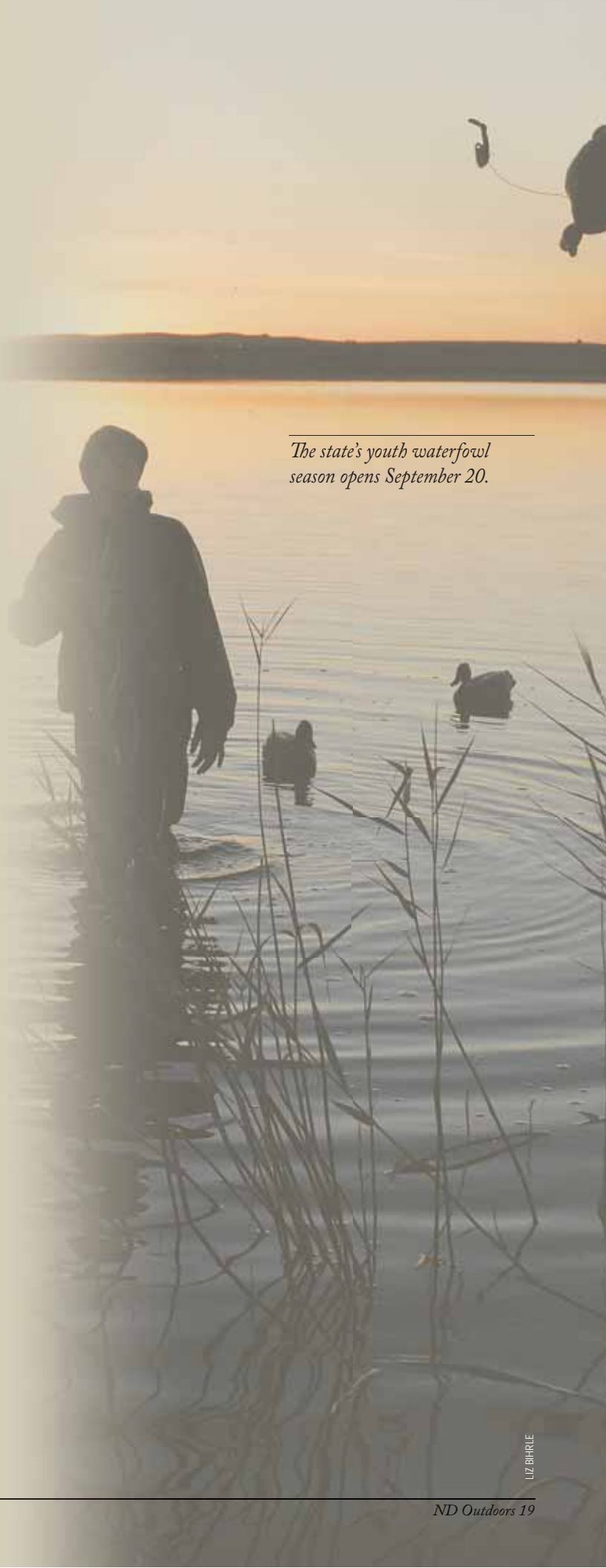
ONLY MALE PHEASANTS MAY BE TAKEN

***Regular season** – is statewide except for **Delayed Opener** area.

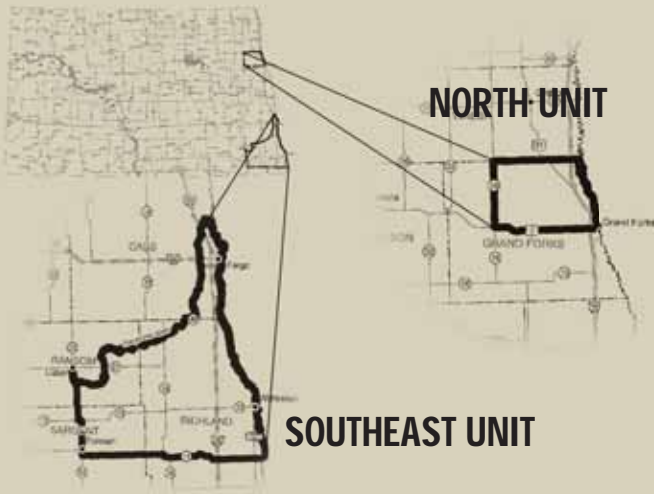
****Delayed Opener** includes area in Williams and McKenzie counties starting where BN Railroad enters North Dakota, then east on the railroad tracks to the west boundary of the Trenton Wildlife Management Area (southwest of Trenton) then south and east on the boundary of the Trenton WMA to the Missouri River, then directly across the river, then west to the Yellowstone River, then south and west on the Yellowstone River to the Montana border, then north to the point of origin.

As per legislative action, nonresidents cannot hunt any game from October 11 through October 17 on North Dakota Game and Fish Department wildlife management areas or on Private Land Open To Sportsmen (PLOTS) areas.

The state's youth waterfowl season opens September 20.



PRAIRIE CHICKEN UNITS



SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

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| Opens: | Sept. 13 |
| Closes: | Jan. 4 |
| Daily Limit: | 3 |
| Possession Limit: | 12 |
| Shooting Hours: | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset |

EXCEPTION – Hunting for sharptails is not open within the North and Southeast prairie chicken units (see map and unit descriptions above), except by prairie chicken permit holders, and then only during the designated prairie chicken season, October 11-19.

DOVES

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| Open Area: | Statewide |
| Opens: | Sept. 1 |
| Closes: | Oct. 30 |
| Daily Limit: | 15 |
| Possession Limit: | 30 |
| Shooting Hours: | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset |

It is illegal to hunt doves or other birds resting on utility lines or fixtures adjacent to such lines.

TREE SQUIRRELS

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| Open Area: | Statewide |
| Opens: | Sept. 13 |
| Closes: | Jan. 4 |
| Daily Limit: | 4 |
| Possession Limit: | 12 |
| Shooting Hours: | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset |

Tree squirrels may be taken only with firearms loaded with shot, rimfire and muzzleloading firearms, or with bow and arrows legal for taking upland game.

SANDHILL CRANES

| Open Area: | Unit 1 | Unit 2 |
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| Opens: | Sept. 20 | Sept. 20 |
| Closes: | Nov. 16 | Oct. 26 |
| Daily Limit: | 3 | 2 |
| Possession Limit: | 6 | 4 |
| Shooting Hours: | 1 pm CDT Sept. 20 through Nov. 1 | |
| 1/2 hour before sunrise to: | 2 pm CST Nov. 2 through Nov. 16 | |

Unit 1 – That portion of North Dakota west of U.S. Highway 281.

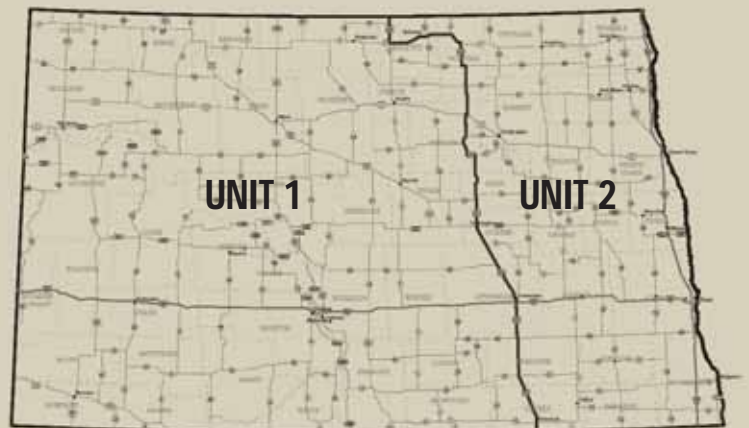
Unit 2 – That portion of North Dakota east of U.S. Highway 281.

Hunters may not aggregate daily bag or possession limits from the two units. (A hunter may take up to 3 cranes in one day, provided all 3 birds are taken from Unit 1, or no more than 2 birds are taken from Unit 2.)

In addition to other licenses required, sandhill crane hunters must possess a \$5 sandhill crane hunting permit available from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's Bismarck office.

It is unlawful to shoot from open water or from a boat or other floating vessel in open water while hunting sandhill cranes.

SANDHILL CRANE UNITS



BEAVER AND RACCOON HUNTING, TRAPPING AND UNDERWATER CABLE DEVICES

Open year-round (Officially from Apr. 1, 2008 – Mar. 31, 2009)

BEAVER AND RACCOON CABLE DEVICES ON LAND

Opens: Nov. 15 – **Closes:** May 3

From March 9, 2009, through May 3, 2009, cable devices must be within 50 feet of water; they must be no more than 4 inches off the ground and they must have a stop restricting loop size to 12 or less inches in diameter.

Beaver dams may be dismantled when their presence causes property damage.

MINK AND WEASEL TRAPPING

Opens: Oct. 18 – **Closes:** Mar. 8

MINK AND WEASEL CABLE DEVICES

Opens: Nov. 15 – **Closes:** Mar. 8

WEASEL HUNTING

Opens: Oct. 18 – **Closes:** Mar. 8

Weasels may be hunted statewide with .22 caliber rimfire rifles or pistols, muzzleloaders of .45 caliber or smaller, longbows and crossbows.

MUSKRAT TRAPPING

Opens: Oct. 18 – **Closes:** Mar. 8

MUSKRAT CABLE DEVICES

Opens: Nov. 15 – **Closes:** Mar. 8

Muskrat huts may be opened for insertion of traps or cable devices; however, the huts must be restored to their approximate original condition to prevent freeze-up.

In addition, muskrats may be trapped statewide with foothold traps or colony traps using underwater sets that are at least 2 inches under water, or trapped with conibear-type traps or cable devices with no more than 2 inches of the conibear trap or cable device above the water surface from March 9, 2009, through May 3, 2009. During this time period, float-sets are prohibited, and trapping or cable devices on the outside of any muskrat house or structure of any size is prohibited.

MUSKRAT HUNTING

Opens: Nov. 15 – **Closes:** May 3

MINK HUNTING

Opens: Nov. 15 – **Closes:** Mar. 8

Mink and muskrat may be hunted statewide with .22 caliber rimfire rifles or pistols, muzzleloaders of .45 caliber or smaller, longbows and crossbows.

BOBCAT HUNTING OR TRAPPING

Opens: Nov. 8 – **Closes:** Mar. 8

BOBCAT CABLE DEVICES

Opens: Nov. 15 – **Closes:** Mar. 8

Open only in the area south and west of the Missouri River.

The pelt and carcass of each bobcat must be presented to Game and Fish Department personnel for inspection and tagging prior to sale or transfer of possession, but no later than 14 days after the close of the season. No bobcat pelt will be tagged until the animal is skinned and presented with the intact carcass. The carcass shall remain property of the Department. No fur dealer shall possess or purchase an untagged bobcat.

RED FOX, GRAY FOX, COYOTE AND BADGER HUNTING OR TRAPPING

Open year-round (Officially from Apr. 1, 2008 – Mar. 31, 2009)

In addition, red fox, gray fox and coyote may be hunted at any hour from Nov. 24, 2008, through March 15, 2009. Any hunter who engages in the hunting of red fox, gray fox or coyote during the time from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, must hunt exclusively on foot and use a predator call. The use of a spotlight or any other artificial light is prohibited.

RED FOX, GRAY FOX, COYOTE AND BADGER CABLE DEVICES

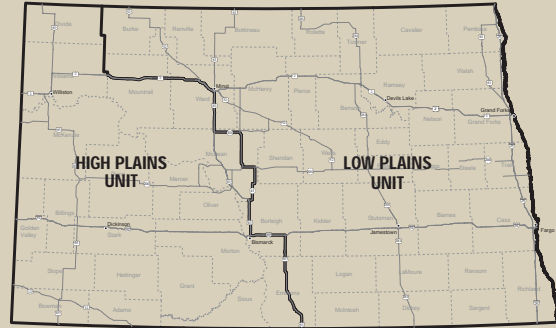
Opens: Nov. 15 – **Closes:** Mar. 8

MOUNTAIN LIONS

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WATERFOWL SEASON DATES

MISSOURI RIVER CANADA GOOSE ZONE



High Plains Unit

Opens: September 27 (residents only), October 4 (nonresidents)

Closes: December 7

Opens: December 13

Closes: January 4

Shooting hours: Half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

Daily limits: Five ducks, which may include five drake mallards, two scaup, two redheads and two wood ducks. The daily limit of five may include only one hen mallard or one canvasback or one pintail. Possession limit is twice the daily limit.

White-Fronted Geese (statewide)

Opens: September 27 (residents only), October 4 (nonresidents)

Closes: December 7

Daily limit: Two geese, possession limit is four.

Canada Geese Regular Season

Opens: September 27 (residents only), October 4 (nonresidents)

Closes: January 2 (Missouri River Zone), December 25 (rest of state)

Daily limit: Three Canada geese daily, possession limit six.

Light (Snow) Geese (statewide)

Opens: September 27 (residents only), October 4 (nonresidents)

Closes: January 2

Daily limit: 20 geese, with no possession limit.

Shooting hours for all geese: Half-hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. each day through November 1. Starting November 2, shooting hours are a half-hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. each day. **Exception:** shooting hours are a half-hour before sunrise to sunset on all Saturdays and Wednesdays through the end of each season. Starting December 7, all-day hunting is also allowed on Sundays through the end of each season.

Early Canada Goose Season

Opens: August 15 (statewide)

Closes: September 7 (Missouri River Zone), September 15 (statewide)

Shooting hours: Half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

Daily limit: Five Canada geese daily, possession limit 10.

***Note:** Nonresidents can hunt during the early Canada goose season in Sargent and Richland counties without counting against their 14-day regular season period. Nonresidents who hunt in other counties during this season would have at least a seven-day period count against their 14-day license.*

Youth Waterfowl Season

(For legally licensed residents and nonresidents ages 15 and younger.)

Opens: September 20

Closes: September 21

Shooting hours: Half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

Daily limit: Ducks – same as regular duck season. Three Canada geese.

Regular Duck Season

Low Plains Unit

Opens: September 27 (residents only), October 4 (nonresidents)

Closes: December 7

Shooting hours: Half-hour before sunrise to sunset.